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VBT nabs suspect after Willow Run Airport car theft

Christopher Lee Krusac, 31, of Taylor was arraigned July 26 by 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin on charges of carjacking, receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, fleeing and eluding police, and assault on a police officer on July 23 in Van Buren Township.

Krusac was in custody at the Van Buren Township police lockup when he was arraigned by zoom and court defense attorney Daniel Bitar represented him for the arraignment. Krusac's probable cause conference was set for Aug. 4 when he will have a new court-appointed attorney.

Van Buren Police had asked for \$100,000 cash bond with a GPS tether for location. Judge Martin set a bond of \$50,000 cash/10% and a GPS for location if released on bond.

Bitar explained his client has mental health issues and takes medication for that. The attorney said Krusac has been diagnosed with ADDHD, bipolar, depression and has a heart condition. Bitar said Krusac has been living with a friend in Taylor and has been out of work since COVID.

VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy said it all started when Willow Run Airport police initiated a chase for a stolen vehicle and VBT police joined the chase. The suspect pulled into Walmart and an airport police officer got hit with the vehicle, which then sped onto I-94, heading east.

Lt. Bazy said they couldn't get any help from Michigan State Police so they stopped the pursuit. He said at the time they didn't know that a police officer had been assaulted.

He said Dearborn police were on surveillance on another case and they found the vehicle and so VBT police headed to Allen Park and were able to arrest the subject. He said the two VBT police vehicles that formed a blockade suffered minor damage when the fleeing suspect smashed into them and the cars have to be fixed.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

More than 50 people attended the July 28 open-air meeting in Van Buren Township Fire Station #1 at the corner of Sumpter and Hull roads to give their opinions on the proposed Sumpter Road Corridor Plan. Township planners have proposed the rezoning of strips along both sides of Sumpter Road from Hull to Bemis to allow commercial development for the area and keep the farmland behind. This gathering was held instead of the regular planning commission meeting and township planners said they will report the input they got from those who attended.

Sumpter Township Board of Trustees raises its own pay

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular in-person meeting on July 27 the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees passed four resolutions that resulted in raising its own salaries.

There was no discussion on the action, which was passed unanimously by the board members present. Clerk Esther Hurst and Trustee Don LaPorte were absent and excused and did not vote on the resolutions.

- Supervisor Tim Bowman's annual

salary for his part-time position went from \$22,643 to \$38,000;

- Clerk Esther Hurst's annual salary went from \$19,019 to \$30,000 for her part-time position;

- Treasurer Vincent Warren went from \$19,019 to \$30,000 for his part-time position; and

- The salaries of Trustee Don LaPorte, Peggy Morgan, Matthew Oddy, and Tim Rush went from \$8,405.66 each to \$22,000 each for their part-time positions.

[Each Van Buren Township trustee has an annual salary of \$17,199 for 2021.]

The item was placed on the agenda by Supervisor Bowman and signed off on by Financial Director/Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole O'Connell. Bowman noted this is the first increase since 2002.

There was one resolution each for supervisor, clerk, and treasurer and one resolution that covered all the trustees.

At the top of each resolution was the statement: "WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3) in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for Trustees composing the township board shall be determined by the township board..."

Healthcare benefits were on top of the salaries and varied with the individuals.

Also, in the two-hour-and-19-minute combined workshop and regular meeting, the board:

- Approved purchasing 16 portable radios for the police department from Digicom Global at a total cost of \$34,436, with the

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Sumpter Twp.

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full cost covered by forfeiture funds;

- Pulled from the agenda approval of the resignation of Sean Hudson, effective July 31, since Hudson has agreed to stay on for about six weeks to help the department cope with two officers off on injuries, one of which was on the job. Hudson is moving to Texas, but will stay on the job in Sumpter during the officers' recoveries;

- Approved hiring Jeffrey James Benedict as a full-time police officer on the condition he passes a physical, drug screening and psychological evaluation. The board also accepted the resignation of police officer Patrick Dervishi as of July 26. Dervishi was approved hired on June 22;

- Approved hiring Bela Maroti and Taylor Smith as paid-on-call fire fighters contingent on them passing physicals and drug tests;

- Approved replacement of a 2008 lawn mower with the exact replica at a cost of \$10,493.23, partially included in the budget for \$8,500;

- Approved replacement of one of the six DPW trucks for \$33,994.52, which was included in this year's budget;

- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Daniel Watson as a member of the planning commission;

- Approved going back to having seven members of the planning commission instead of the nine members approved early this year;

- Tabled for 30 days consideration of approval of paying \$82,000 to remediate the odor at the sewage pump station at the corner of Sumpter and Willis roads until residents within 300 feet could be notified by mail and the full total cost of the project could be identified. The proposal will also be put on the website for comment. During the work/study session before the regular meeting, Jennifer Wagner gave a 24-minute presentation on what could be done to get rid of the recurring odors at that corner;

- Approved accepting a parcel from the county at a cost of \$7,800 providing the person to receive the lot will put that amount on deposit at the township. Township attorney Rob Young said an elderly widow, whose property is landlocked behind this parcel could solve her problem. Young said this is the fourth time they've done this to help a resident and he usually is the first one who says this has to go out for bids. He said he believes this is the right thing to do and it is at no expense to the township. This was not on the agenda and Young said he did not have the parcel number. The woman was not named;

- Heard Trustee Peggy Morgan make a motion to add to the agenda a proposal to change the newspaper of record from the *Eagle* to the *Independent* because the



VBT planners approve final site plan for Hampton Manor

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Hampton Manor, a senior housing development with 56 units for assisted living and 24 memory care units on 7.11 acres at the southeast corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads in Van Buren Township, now has its final site plan approval.

At the 55-minute virtual meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission on July 14, it was announced the developers received approval on June 2 from Wayne County on the storm water retention and already had the special land use approval from the township board last Aug. 18. The

preliminary site plan was approved by the commission on July 22, 2020.

The land had been six parcels which is now combined under the C (Local business) zoning.

Now that the final site plan approval is given, there will be a pre-construction meeting and then building permits will potentially be issued, said Dan Power, director of planning and economic development.

Planner Vidya Krishna of McKenna Associates said the project was delayed by Wayne County requirements and VBT requirements. There was a question about a generator being placed north of

the retention pond near a single-family residence. In the final plan there is just one generator instead of two and none at the pond.

Zohaib Syed, project representative, and Bill Thompson of Lehner Associates were virtually present to speak on behalf of the applicant, Van Buren Investors Land Holdings, LLC. They said the memory care unit is along Morton Taylor Road side of the building and the outside area for that unit is fenced at both the north and south ends of the building.

Commissioner Brian Cullin asked what kind of fencing it was and they said it was six-foot, wrought-iron fencing.

Commission Chairperson Carol Thompson said she recalls during the public hearing on the project there was much discussion about water drainage. She asked to be assured this would not put more drainage issues on surrounding properties.

Stephen Clayton of Fishbeck Engineers said there would be no water problems added.

In the second item on the July 14 agenda, Pinehurst Building LLC asked for an amended site plan so four new elevations could be added to the Cobblestone Ridge project. This residential development is located on the east side of Hoeft Road and the south side of West Huron River Dr.

Director Power explained that this is a planned residential development (PRD) that was approved in 2004. The agreement lays forth terms for the particular project and the new owners wants to add these four elevations to the project.

Richard J. Canzano said he feels they meet the requirements. There were 113 lots and now there are 69 left. He said the new elevations will offer more architectural diversity.

They discussed the standards including 50% of each home having brick and 30% having side garages. Power said the design of each home will be verified by township staff as the development proceeds and they will recommend approval following conditions.

"Homes are selling in Van Buren Township," Chairperson Thompson said.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson asked if the homes will be 50% brick in back as well and Canzano said the first floor has brick all the way around.

township is now breaking the law by not having a hard copy of its legal notices. She said the Michigan Township Association said the law specifies legal notices must be published in a newspaper. Attorney Young protested, first saying he needed time to research this and some municipalities interpret the law differently and there has been a state of emergency and laws have been set aside. He said he left the decision up to the clerk and she also considered the *Ann Arbor News* since they didn't like the *Independent*. Trustee Morgan removed her motion to add it to the agenda to give Young time to research it and time to talk to Clerk Esther Hurst about the issue, since she did not attend that evening's meeting. Morgan said it could be considered at the next meeting in two weeks;

- Approved payment of bills owed by the Parks and Recreation Commission and reduction of active members to seven and a quorum to four so they can meet and make recommendations to the board. Trustee Tim Rush said they would like a chairperson, co-chairperson, secretary / treasurer and board liaison as officers. Young said at one time they had a quorum of 11. Trustee Rush said they have had trouble having a quorum for the last year because of COVID;

- Heard a lengthy presentation by Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous about what can be done about the weeds that need cutting along the roadways and covering signs at intersections. He said he is going to talk to the county executive about contracting out such work to townships and paying them to do the work the county

is supposed to do. He said he proposed that to the county director of public services and the union in the forestry division said it would take jobs away from them. He said that is why he is going to go to the top with the proposal. He said Van Buren and Huron townships like the idea. He also asked Sumpter to give him a wish list of things they would like done with federal infrastructure funds that are coming to the county and will need to be spent or sent back to the federal government;

- Heard Finance Director/Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole report that the first Forgotten Harvest distribution of free food the day before in Sumpter provided 85 households with food, which covered 245 individuals. She said there were 180 boxes of food and only 90 were given out. She said the next food distribution will be at the community center from 2:30 to 4:30 on Aug. 9 and they need to get the word out;

- Heard financial consultant Cari Ford of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Wayne compliment Cole on her work for the township, calling her "very intelligent and very knowledgeable" and "a great township resource." Ford said costs for her firm's services have been down \$37,000 from last year; and

- Heard Mary Sherwood say she didn't like where the public comment part of the agenda is now because it is before any action is taken and she would like to comment on the board's action immediately after their votes instead of two weeks later. She asked them to consider putting it back the way it was so there can be comment at the end.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Thunder Over Michigan might scare the animals

The aircraft in town for the Thunder Over Michigan this Saturday and Sunday have to practice and fly around. It's just that, again, the Wayne County Fair is under way at the fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township right next to the airport.

Can't do anything about it. That's just the way it is around here. Often the fair and the airshow are on at the same time.

We would think the loud, sudden noises of performing aircraft might scare the horses, pigs, sheep and other animals at the fair.

The fair is a great place to take children for the 4-H booths. Many children do not get the chance to see animals so up close they can put out their fingers and touch them. There are many other attractions at the fair, as well.

For those who love looking up at the aircraft, or looking down from an aircraft, the airshow at Willow Run is a must. This year you have to stay in or by your car, but you can get a ticket to get close-in to the activities at the show.

There are those who look forward to watching the aircraft from their boats on the lake or from the empty Kmart parking lot or their back yards.

Of course, all of this depends on the weather and the weatherman is talking about some rain this weekend. It could just blow past us like other recent storms. Let the fun begin.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Problem Solver Rob Wolchek of Channel 2 News solved a long-term problem for those living in a Van Buren Township manufactured home community on Mott Road on July 23.

A smooth Mott Road in Washtenaw County turned into a rocky terrain as it entered Wayne County.

Residents told him the worst road in the township hasn't been paved in 50 years and it is full of cavities and craters. He went out and looked and agreed something had to be done.

On July 19 he said he called Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and on July 23 crews were out working on the road. They started milling at 5 a.m.

Beverly Watts, director of Wayne County Department of Public Services, said they had a paving crew working not far away and since they were already less than two miles away, she told Wolchek, "I said let's keep it going and let's do it now." She told him Wayne County just needs more crews and more money to pay them.

The Van Buren Township police officer who filed a grievance that we reported in last week's paper, called to say the township agreed to pay him for the two days off required after he got the COVID-19 vaccination the township mandated. He had been told to use his own sick days.

When I asked if he got the second shot that was scheduled for Sunday, July 25, he said he did and this shot, too, gave him severe headaches and fever for two days, but he was better on Wednesday. He has another year until retirement.



Word is that the VBT board is reconsidering its mandate to get vaccinated or get fired, but it will have to be voted on before it is changed.

Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman called on Friday to complain about what I had written in this column in the July 29 issue about us getting complaints from people that he doesn't go into the office.

He said this is a part-time job, but he is in the office every day and on the phone 24/7. He demanded to know who told me this and I said I can't tell him because he'd fire them. Aha, he said. "They work for me."

The whole thing was set off by that flyer that was hung at a Sumpter business' bulletin board, offering a reward for his whereabouts.

It is a part-time job, but township residents got used to seeing former township Supervisor John Morgan at the office every day. Morgan was a retired school teacher and had the time. Bowman is very busy with his construction business.

A woman who did not give her name but said she lived in Van Buren Township called me on Friday to complain about last week's editorial and to say she was disgusted with what I wrote. I was for freedom of choice and she wasn't. She said she knew the first person who died of COVID in Ohio. I suggested she write a

letter to the editor and give her opinion, but she didn't seem interested. Maybe she'll write and if she signs it, we'll print it and she can have her opinion, too.

"Sandy" is back at Meijer so things are definitely getting back to normal. Sandy is the pony kids can ride for a penny and it has been gone for more than a year, since COVID-19 arrived. The pony is all cleaned up and shiny.

We received separate Nixle alerts from Van Buren Township on July 29 and Aug. 1 for two water line breaks in Charter Club Estates, at the corner of Morton Taylor and Tyler roads. It interrupted water service each time.

Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous attended the Sumpter Township meeting on July 27 and gave a lengthy talk on a variety of topics, including the county failing to cut weeds along the roads as it's supposed to. At one point he reminded the board that there is no such thing as "free" money from the government. He said the government has no money. It all comes from us taxpayers. Amen.



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Letters

Belleville PD will not call and ask you for money

To the editor:

I just received a report from the Van Buren Police Department regarding a fraud report they just took from one of their residents.

A resident received a phone call from an individual (with an accent) claiming to be from Social Security Agency requesting money through a gift card for alleged money owed. This same individual called back using a "spoofed" number as if the call was coming from the City of Belleville. During this second call, the caller reiterated the first call from Social Security trying to give it merit and threatened to arrest the victim if they did not follow through with the gift card payment request.

Please advise all readers that Social Security will never contact them by phone and most certainly will never request payment in the form of a gift card.

Also, the Belleville Police Department will never call anyone to solicit money nor will we ever call to validate any debt collection service or company. Should residents receive calls of this nature they should immediately contact the Belleville Police Department at 734-699-2395 or 734-699-2396 so they can be assured the call was not an official contact. If you reside outside the City of Belleville, please contact your local police department.

David Robinson
City Manager/Police Chief
City of Belleville

To Patriotic Americans: We must honor our flag

To the editor:

I am writing this message to all patriotic Americans about the disrespect of our flag in my neighborhood. I see it when I pass by and it is a desecration of our nation as a whole. The person has our United States Flag hanging in his/her yard near the road so all can see, **HANGING UPSIDE DOWN.**

This is a very disappointing thing. It shows no respect to our armed forces service men and women and especially to those that gave their lives. It's a shame. Yes, this country, our government has issues. But our flag is our emblem of freedom fought for from the beginning.

This is on Bemis Road west of Sumpter Road.

Our National Anthem, birthed out of sacrifice, penned those famous words, "LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE BRAVE." The Star Spangled Banner has been our standard in peace, war, and remembrance, honoring our dead as their remains have been put to rest under its canopy.

Still today, our flag stands for freedom and liberty, although many have forgotten it represents our glorious heritage. May we honor her and protect her by doing our duty to Our God and country. WE identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth – peace, security, liberty, family, friends, our home – so when we see it being desecrated by hanging upside down, this should upset us all.

Sincerely,
A United States American Patriot

Gazebo use in Horizon Park was first-come

To the editor:

RE: City Council votes on use of rose arbor in Horizon Park -- July 22, 2021 edition, page 12 - mayor's comment

The mayor made a comment about people having their weddings there all of the time and not telling the city. Three years ago, March 2018, I called city hall Dept. of Parks to inquire about use of the arbor for my youngest son's wedding. I was told that there was no sign-up for that and you just had to have someone show up early to save it for your use. So, people are told they don't need to tell the city.

Melissa, my niece, went through the application probably because of having the horse-drawn carriage and didn't want to have any trouble on her special day.

I just wanted to clear that up.

Thank you,
Dawn E. Pollard

Good news from the Emergency Food Closet

To the editor:

Last week I received notification from Meijer Simply Give headquarters that \$17,670 was raised during the Meijer Spring Simply Give Campaign. \$10,000 of this was from Meijer from Double Match Day on June 19. Another \$4,290 was donated by Meijer from the Ladies Professional Golf Association Classic held in Grand Rapids in June. In total, we received \$21,960.

From Jan. 1 through July 31, 989 bags of food have been distributed and we have had 45 new clients. Our clients are very appreciative!

This will go a long way to help feed the hungry in our community! Thank you to **everyone** who donated!

Marilyn Wood, Coordinator
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More Letters

VBT vaccine mandate violates constitution

To the editor:

Now let me get this straight. The Covid "vaccine" is not fully approved by the FDA, but only for "emergency" use. There has been ZERO long-term testing and study. In fact, there's evidence to show that some of the side effects, including death, have been suppressed by the mass media, and the numbers manipulated and fudged over the entire pandemic. Apparently, we are in the middle of a propaganda war. There must be something in that Jab that they want inside you; WHY?

Anyone who takes the Vax is subjecting themselves to God knows what and becoming a guinea pig for a DNA/nRNA altering cocktail with unknown side effects. Fact.

Now comes VBT with a Vax Mandate for all township employees, at the threat of getting fired if they refuse. And VBT is the first municipality in the State of Michigan to issue such mandate.

Hey, if you choose to take the Jab, fine that's your own choice, but for ANY government to force the Jab is flagrantly against the U.S. Constitution, specifically the 4th Amendment, which reads: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons ... shall not be violated ..."

This has been paraphrased, but go look it up if you doubt my quote. In short, VBT's vax mandate for employees VIOLATES THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

I was a bit surprised that even a single Trustee on VBT Board (Kevin Martin) even brought up the constitutionality. I guess he might see what's coming up the road. Even the PD/fire unions, left as they are, can see that.

Dear Editor, I'd like to remind our readers that I have stood on the 4th Amendment before when I refused to give DNA under the new state statute requiring those accused of a felony to give DNA. I was the first refusal in the state under the new "law." Then the rumors started that 1. I was involved in the Egypt killing, and 2. had raped a young woman in Washtenaw County years ago, that's why I wouldn't give DNA and hiding behind the 4th Amendment. I traced these rumors back to a common source in the VBT/PD. Mind you this took place in an election year, 2016, when I filed for VBT trustee because of the Riggs Heritage House and Barn destruction. This action by VBT to destroy an important part of VBT history far dwarfs any crazy Ypsi woman who wants to remove the LaSalle statue at Victory Park. Again, VBT is consistent in the left-wing agenda with Vax mandates.

Here I'd like to thank the voters who have consistently stood by me in greater numbers as time has passed = 2,714 in 2016 for non-partisan VBT trustee, and 7,252 for Library Board in 2020. It was 13

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Obituaries



Kenneth Burton Carnahan

KENNETH BURTON CARNAHAN

(October 31, 1930 – August 2, 2021)

Kenneth Burton Carnahan, age 90, passed away Monday, August 2, 2021, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. Ken was a graduate of Belleville High School (Class of 1949) and long-time resident of Belleville, MI. After high school, Kenneth earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Cleary College and married his high school sweetheart Shirley Joyce Porzondek in 1950. He worked for Ford Motor Company for over 30 years and retired from the Michigan Casting Center, in Flat Rock, MI, in 1985. Ken attended Bethany Baptist Bible Church for many years where he was baptized strengthening his relationship with God.

Kenneth was born October 31, 1930, in Washington, Indiana, and came to Belleville when he was 4 years old. Ken had an identical twin brother (Keith) and they loved to play the typical twin pranks. Ken was an avid tennis player and a constant figure on the tennis courts. Ken loved to play tennis with family and friends and played most of his life. Ken was also passionate about his children and grandchildren and enjoyed watching them play in a variety of sports.

Ken is survived by his devoted wife of 71 years Shirley (Porzondek) Carnahan. His three surviving children: Perry Carnahan of Belleville, MI; Pamela (John) Toporek, of Belleville, MI; and Kevin (Heidi) Carnahan, of Birch Run, MI. His six grandchildren: Ken Toporek and Brett (Miriam) Toporek; Kurt, Jr. and John Carnahan; Blake and Brooke Carnahan. His two great-grandchildren: Mila and Ayah Toporek. His two half brothers: Edward (Linda) Carnahan and David (Marla) Forman. His Step Mother: Virginia Carnahan. Ken also leaves numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Ken was preceded in death by his parents; Delbert and Dorothy (Sutherland) Carnahan. His two brothers: Phillip Burl (Teresa) Carnahan, and his twin brother Keith Carnahan. His two sons: Kenneth Carnahan, Jr. in infancy, and Kurt (Donna) Carnahan both deceased. Visitation will be 5-8 PM Wednesday, August 4, 2021, and 10-11 AM Thursday, August 5, 2021. Service will be at 11:00 AM Thursday, August 5, 2021, following the visitation at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

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Jerry D. Vaughn

JERRY D. VAUGHN

(June 8, 1957 - July 24, 2021)

Jerry D. Vaughn, age 64, of Romulus, MI, passed away early Saturday, July 24, 2021, at his home, surrounded by family. He was born June 8, 1957 in Wyandotte, MI, son of Charvel Ray & Alice Lorraine (Hurdle) Vaughn. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Jerry enjoyed spending time with family and friends, hunting, golfing, and riding his Harley. He rode in many charity events.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of nearly 39 years, April Anne (Hensley) Vaughn; two sons Lance (Ashley) Vaughn of Hohenwald, Tennessee, and Richard (Breanna) Vaughn of Manitou Beach, MI; granddaughter Charleigh; two brothers William "Butch" (Kerri) Vaughn of Romulus, MI, and John Thomas (JoAnn) Seabolt of Woodbridge, VA; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also two brothers Bryan Vaughn and Pete Seabolt.

A Memorial Celebration of Life is being held at Wild Willy's Bar and Grill, 6221 Middlebelt Road, Romulus, MI, on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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Bartholomew "Bart"
Augustine Sears II

BARTHOLOMEW 'BART' SEARS, II

(November 15, 1952 - July 25, 2021)

Age 68, passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2021. Bartholomew "Bart" Augustine Sears II died of complications with his health. He was born November 15, 1952 to Betty (Powers) and Casper Sears in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Bart was a passionate man with a penchant for writing. He loved books and was an avid reader. He was a big-time baseball fan and loved the Detroit Tigers. He was a lifetime member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Bart retired from Kroger in 2019 to take care of his ill mother, who preceded him in death.

Bart is survived by his loving children Bartholomew Augustine (Kinsu) Sears III and Danielle (Miguel) Arreaza (Sears); grandchildren, Kevin and Isabella; two loving sisters, Betty Jean (Tom) Hines McNulty and Gail (Ray) Hines Nickels; along with many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. He will be dearly missed.

This world lost a special person. Per Bart's wishes, cremation has taken place.

Arrangements by Stark Funeral Professionals of Ypsilanti.

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Obituaries



Mary T. Domas

MARY T. DOMAS

(September 1, 1945 - July 27, 2021)

Mary T. Domas, age 75 of Willis, MI, died Tuesday, July 27, 2021 suddenly at home. She was born on September 1, 1945 in Ypsilanti, MI to Loren and Margaret (Dawson) Faulhaber. Mary graduated from St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Ann Arbor. On June 26, 1965 she married Johny Domas at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whittaker, MI and he survives.

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As a lifelong resident of Willis, MI, she served the community at the Willis Post Office for 30 years and as a Coordinator of the Lincoln Golden Ages Senior Center for the last two decades. As a member and employee of the Senior Center she made sure everyone had food, comradery, and a safe place for learning and having fun! She helped organize travel adventures, card games, and volunteer opportunities to keep everyone feeling young! Everyone knew her smile and caring personality. Mary treated everyone as if they were someone special. She met the needs of her family and community with humility and joy. She was a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen, and a voice to tell 'em what for!

We will remember her best every spring when the purple irises bloom.

She loved: her husband, her children, her grandchildren, her family, Elvis Presley, supporting her senior community, getting her nails done, marshmallow and coconut candies, jewelry, irises and roses, shopping, farmers markets, extra hot lattes, peas and tuna fish, potato soup, Detroit Tigers, bingo, golf, bowling, Red Hatters, gardening, travel, Neil Diamond, and above all God.

Besides her husband Johny, she is survived by her three children, Michelle (Dan) McQueer, Johny Domas and Tammie (Tim) Bruneau; eight grandchildren, Brittany and Josh McQueer, Allison, Christina, Monique and Johny Domas, Logan and Davis Bruneau; three sisters, Agnes Rafalski, Ann Stoll and Patricia Faulhaber.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Joe, John, Jimmy and Michael Faulhaber.

Visitation was held at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan, on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 910 Austin Dr., Saline, MI 48176, on Wednesday, August 4,

2021 at 11 a.m., where visitation began at 10 a.m. until the time of service. A private burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Ypsilanti, MI. Contributions may be made to Lincoln Golden Ages Seniors. Mail to Brick Elementary, attn: Helen, 8970 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197.



Raymond Edwin Nugent

RAYMOND E. NUGENT

(January 29, 1928 - July 31, 2021)

Raymond Edwin Nugent, age 93, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Saturday, July 31, 2021, at Imperial a'Villa Center, Dearborn Heights, MI.

He was born January 29, 1928, in Detroit, MI, son of Oliver Edwin & Margaret Elizabeth (Hill) Nugent. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville, MI. Ray enjoyed hunting pheasants, watching golf and was an avid reader.

Mr. Nugent was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Bonnie Jean (Lee) Nugent in 1960, and his second wife Jeanne (McKenzie) Nugent on May 28, 2018. He is survived by many friends, extended family, and his church. Dignified cremation rites have been pre-planned with David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. A memorial service will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, MI. His cremated remains will be laid to rest in the memorial garden at his Trinity.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Trinity Episcopal Church, would be appreciated.

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JANET LENORE MacDERMID

MacDermid, Janet L., age 85, of Van Buren Twp., July 19, 2021. Dearest wife of John MacDermid. Loving mother to Karen (John) Bollman, Norman MacDermid, and Jerry MacDermid. Beloved grandmother to Chelsea (Luke) Bungee-Bollman, Katie Bollman, Lillian MacDermid, and John MacDermid. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert Murray and Theresa Murray Bowers, sisters Ester (Bill) Starr, Barbara (Mickey) McEhelen, loving step-father Raymond Bowers, and her sister-in-law, Norma Goff. Janet was affiliated with The First United Methodist Church and the Belleville Garden Club. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the American Cancer Society. Her cremation will take place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.

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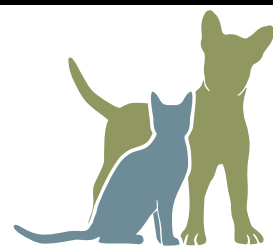
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Photo courtesy of Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce
On Saturday there was a ribbon-cutting event at NextHome Evolution real estate office that opened at 243 Main Street in Belleville. Cut off and not seen at left in the picture is Allen Whitney. Then, from left in front are Marsha Bogardus, Antoinette Matthews, Paul Armstrong, Chamber of Commerce President Steve Jones, Liz Watts, Sharifa Clements, and Angela Martin-Burke.

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Police seized nearly a pound of cocaine, other drugs and more than \$30,000 in cash in a raid at a Van Buren Township home, according to the Michigan State Police.

Detectives with The Metro Narcotics Enforcement Team were assisted by Van Buren Township police and MSP's south post when they executed a search warrant July 22 at the home in Kirkridge Park Cooperative Apartments on Ecorse Road. They were led there by an investigation into a man suspected of selling a large amount of cocaine and crack cocaine.

Police seized more than 400 grams of cocaine, a small amount of fentanyl, a pistol and \$30,759 in cash at the home, officials said. MNET investigators said

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kids' zone. As of this writing there's less than 500 drive-in tickets available for each day, with Sunday's show selling faster. There will be no tickets available at the gate, Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org for tickets, schedules, restrictions, and other details. There should be lots of jet noise this week with arrivals and practicing leading up to the weekend. The Blue Angels arrived last Monday evening flying in from last weekend's performances in Alaska. The Museum's Facebook page featured clips of them arriving, along with their support plane, Fat Albert. I also learned that the Air Force Thunderbirds will be staging at Selfridge National Guard Base when they arrive and be flying in for their performances this weekend. I hope this beautiful weather continues.

The Kentuckians of Michigan will be holding their 61st annual picnic this Sunday, Aug. 8, beginning at 10 a.m. at

their club grounds at 28391 Bredow Rd. in Romulus. Admission is \$7 per adult and free for children 12 years and under. The public is welcome. Live entertainment includes Randy Jackson (tribute), Power Mill Bluegrass, Band of Brothers, Otter River Bluegrass, Southern Express, and Saddle Rock. The event will also feature concessions, contests, and raffles. Visit www.kentuckiansofmichigan.com, and call (734) 262-9017. See their ad in today's paper.

Music Lakeside tonight will feature Alan Turner & The Steel Horse Band, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street in the city of Belleville. Visit www.musiclakeside.com. In case of rain, the concert will relocate inside the Belleville First United Methodist Church across the street. The concert is free.

The Wayne County Fair returns this week to the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road, featuring farm animals, contests, competitions, marketplace, crafts, midway carnival, a food truck row, evening track events, and much more. Visit www.waynecountyfairgrounds.net.

Belleville Faith Assembly Church at 894 East Huron River Dr. in Belleville will be holding a free back-to-school supplies and ice cream giveaway on Sunday, Aug. 15, following Sunday's 11 a.m. church service. The food truck Sticks & Stones Pizza Oven will also be there.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **This week through Saturday, Aug. 7** – Wayne County Fair at the fairgrounds on Quirk Road north of the I-94 N. Service Drive.

• **Thursday, Aug. 5** – 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville. Sheena Barnes of the Belleville Council for the Arts will display her art.

• **Friday, Aug. 6** – Free Soccer Clinic for kids of all ages and skills, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Rawsonville Woods, 10825 Rawsonville Woods. Info: (734) 461-9881. Free Grab and Go Meals also are provided to the kids next to the pool at the park clubhouse.

• **Friday, Aug. 6** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

• **Friday, Aug. 6** – Free drive-in movie with free popcorn and lemonade at sunset at Church of God on Hull Road, just east of the Van Buren Township Fire Station. Today the movie is "Because of Gracia" and sunset is at 8:48 p.m. In the event of rain, show will go on at 8 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr.

• **Saturday, Aug. 7** – Outdoor Story Time at 11 a.m. at the Sumpter Media Center. Sponsored by the Belleville Area District Library.

• **Saturday, Aug. 7 and Sunday, Aug. 8** – Thunder over Michigan at Willow Run Airport.

• **Monday, Aug. 9** – Inaugural golf outing for Romulus Community Schools begins at 9 a.m. at Links at Gateway, 33290 Gateway Dr., Romulus, to raise funds to help buy weights for the newly planned weight and conditioning room at Romulus High School and to increase awareness about Romulus Community Schools offerings. To sign up contact dennisd227@comcast.net.

• **Monday, Aug. 9** – Forgotten Harvest will be at the Sumpter Township Community Center parking lot from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. or until all the food they will be giving away free is gone. No registration necessary.

• **Monday, Aug. 9** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

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City Manager wants to cut the sight line along the lake right now

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"I just don't ever want it to be a problem again," said City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson at Monday's 27-minute zoom meeting of the Belleville City Council.

He referred to the out-of-control vegetation along the shore of Belleville Lake at Horizon Park.

He said he will put the job out for bids to contractors, including the goats that had been suggested, and he wants the selected vendor to cut the sight line first.

Then, the vendor can cut from one end of Horizon Park to the other, possibly in late September when the vegetation goes

dormant.

He said possibly the Downtown Development Authority can handle part of the cost, but he wants to know the full cost of the whole scope because he wants to do it right and maintain it right.

He said they can determine whether the work will be done through the DDA parks' contract or the city's DPW.

Then, once it's all cut down, he wants it maintained each month for the five-month growing season so it is never again such a big project. He said it should be maintained daily, weekly, monthly.

Chief Robinson said the DPW maintenance can get diverted because of burials and broken water lines, but that is temporary.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said she'd like to see a multi-year proposal so next year they don't have to go through this again and Robinson agreed.

Robinson said Van Buren Township contracted with Salisbury to cut the vegetation along the lake north of the bridge and they did an outstanding job.

Councilman Tom Fielder asked Robinson to reach out to the township to see if there's an economy of scale in working with them.

In other parts of his city manager's report, Robinson said:

- One candidate filed for council with all the proper information and another filed as a write-in candidate and the information on both candidates has been sent on to Wayne County. He said there are no other proposals for the Nov. 2 ballot;

- The city received a site plan for 570 Savage Rd. for marijuana industry activities and the administration is reviewing that and then the planning commission will review it. After that goes through there are a ton of things the applicant has to do through the state;

- The golf cart proposal is still under review by the city attorney;

- The building next door to the police station is expected to be gone by winter, according to Wayne County. Arrangements have been made to cut and cap utilities;

- The transition of Briana Hooten from police records clerk to city clerk is proceeding. The Civil Service board members are signing papers okaying the change in her classification. The employment agreement will be brought to the council;

- The police records clerk job has been posted and they already have one application; and

- There are a lot of new things being learned and they've had several weeks of "very valued learning." He said sometimes it is taking longer to get things done, but "We want to do it right."

Councilman Fielder said local residents have complimented the city for improving the roads and Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte said the trimming work by the bridge looks fantastic. He said the bench in memory of Rosemary Loria is in place on Fourth Street Place.

Mayor Conley said she appreciated the information from Robinson on the metering issue. The Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority wanted Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville to be on one meter and the two communities collectively answered that, saying they wanted separate meters for accurate readings.

The council expects to meet in person at its next meeting and the size of the agenda will determine how big a room they will need, Robinson said. If they expect a crowd they will seek out a big room at the library, otherwise they could meet in the council chambers.

Mayor Conley reminded them it would be a hybrid meeting and some could choose to attend virtually.



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Jehovah Witnesses host conventions via internet due to pandemic

The Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Belleville, MI has hosted conventions since 2013, sometimes holding as many as 15 programs, with over 32,000 attending in a single summer.

In 2020, the pandemic unexpectedly interrupted that tradition moving the international religious organization to cancel in-person conventions throughout the world and launch a global virtual event. This was a first for Jehovah's Witnesses, who have held public conventions in stadiums, arenas, convention centers, and theaters around the world since 1897.

Before the pandemic, upwards of 150 volunteers labored to ensure that the building and grounds in Belleville were primed to welcome each of these groups of visitors. However, with the arrival of COVID-19, it became clear that having so many volunteers on site would not meet safety requirements.

At hearing of the decision to switch to a virtual program, there were mixed emotions for Scott and Anya Smith, caretakers of the Assembly Hall.

"We miss not having the visitors here. It's exciting; we really enjoy that," commented Anya. Scott continued, "With so many unknowns, it was challenging to wrap your head around the idea of so many coming, and how small the window might have been from the time we could start working to get ready to have an event here. When it was decided, it was a measure of relief."

"Powerful by Faith!" is the theme of the 2021 global event, which will be delivered in more than 500 languages to households throughout the globe over six weekends during July and August 2021, uniting some 15-20 million people in 240 countries. Since the convention is typically held from Friday through Sunday, the program will be available in six installments corresponding to morning and afternoon sessions. "Friday" morning's session were available for streaming or download beginning June 28.

Though the Smiths look forward to once again welcoming thousands in person, they excitedly anticipate the benefits to be gained from this year's convention.

"The programs make the words of the Bible come to life so that you can see how to truly apply it personally, how it actually impacts your day-to-day life and your outlook on the future. They become more than just words; they can actually help you to be successful," said Anya.

When asked about this year's theme, Scott

said, "We are facing a unique time in human history. We are going to need faith because some of the things that go on in the world around us are not very promising. It can be very bleak sometimes, yet our faith can make us ready to face whatever challenge may come in the future."

The planning and translation of a program of this magnitude takes months of effort. With the uncertainty of whether it would be safe to bring thousands of people together in cities around the world, the organization opted for a virtual platform for the second consecutive year.

However, the move has not curbed the enthusiasm for the annual event. Congregations around the world are inviting the public to join them in this historic occasion.

"Faith has helped our global brotherhood to continue to thrive even during a pandemic," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "Our faith will continue to unite us in worship -- even virtually -- as

millions gather in private homes around the world to enjoy a powerful and inspiring spiritual program."

All are invited to attend the event by going to www.jw.org on the web or JW Broadcasting on the free *JW Library* app available for iOS or Android, or on streaming platforms like ROKU TV, Apple TV, and others. The program

is free and accessible to all. The schedule for download and global streaming is listed below.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL (VIRTUAL) MEETINGS
BUDGET PREPARATION**

OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021

Zoom ID# 850-4396-1245)

&

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021

(Zoom ID# 850-4396-1245)

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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 stay at 76, positive tests at 3,549

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 76 as of Monday, Aug. 2, according to the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,549 on Monday, Aug. 2, up from 3,530 the previous Monday, July 26.

On Monday, Aug. 2, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,378 positive cases, 42 deaths; city of Belleville, 498 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 673 positive cases, 13 deaths.

More Letters

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months ago that I declared my platform in the July 2, 2020 issue of the *Independent*, pp 14-15: 1. "Restrict the Emergency Powers Act; 2. Judicial reform; 3. Election reform; 4. Criminal Justice reform; 5. State

Dam and Hydroelectric Reform and 6. law for Constitutional State militia."

Since that time, 1. Gov Gretchen's actions were declared unconstitutional by the MI Supreme Court; 2. David Parrott has done himself in with criminal charges and scraped from bench; 3. The current VoteScam/forensic audit scenario; 4. the release of violent criminals due to COVID; 5. The broken dams of the Tittabawassee

and damages due to the incident I have affectionately dubbed "Nessel's Mussels" and 6. The abuse of various militia men at the State Capitol, which obscured the primary 1st Amendment issues of the protests, where no 2nd Amendment issue existed. That made us look bad to the people -- and it wasn't by accident! It was planned.

I could go on and on about this stuff. Suffice to say that we are not only in a propaganda war, but an ideological WAR as well. Stay tuned, group, I'm planning the next battle, and I get to pick the venue this time -- GRIN.

I remain as ever, your "Bad Boy"
That One Man From Michigan
James Chapman
Ypsilanti

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Aug. 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 10 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular

meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 10, and Wednesday, Aug. 11 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees special zoom meetings from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days to discuss preparation of the 2022 budget.

• Wednesday, Aug. 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Aug. 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, quarterly meeting, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 16 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 17 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Aug. 18 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 19, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Due to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, the City cannot ensure 6 feet separation between participants in the Chambers of City Hall. As a result, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Council Follow Up List

Councilmember Voight asked about the status of road repairs within the City. City Manager Robinson stated that the repairs are an ongoing event, and have been completed as needed, but will add it to the list of items to follow up on.

B. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
There were no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Marcotte to accept the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 6, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council
MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, July 6, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Special Event Application

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Bates to allow Melissa Daroci to use the pavilion at Horizon Park for her wedding on August 28, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion carried.

B. Return to In-Person Council Meetings

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to implement hybrid style Council Meetings, with a quorum of three Council Members present in-person at a site to be determined, beginning August 16, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion carried.

C. Proposed Memorial Bench

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to install a memorial bench in honor of Mazin (Mike) Kouza, owner of Hayward's Party Store.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion carried.

A. D. MMRMA Representative

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-069** to appoint Mayor Kerreen Conley as the City of Belleville representative to the MMRMA Board, with City Manager David Robinson as alternate.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion carried.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve **Resolution 21-068** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson thanked Briana Hootman for doing a great job on the July 6, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes.

• Also thanked Tim McLean for pitching in to assist with staff workloads so quickly upon his arrival.

• Noted that the City Clerk/Treasurer position opening has been posted, and there was one response to that posting, from Briana Hootman. He thinks that Hootman would be an excellent fit for the position, as shown through her current work with the City.

• Stated that he has begun to receive bids for the proposal to utilize goats for grass upkeep in the parks. He added that he has spoken to the DDA Chair about the possibility of splitting the cost of that service with the City. He intends to discuss this with the entire DDA Board at the next meeting.

• Mentioned that he is waiting on a list from Wayne County of the individuals who repaired the Belleville Bridge, in order to invite them to the Taste of Belleville event.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte:

-- Marcotte stated that he received some comments from a resident on High St. regarding the maintenance of Horizon Park. He offered to pass his contact information on to City Manager Robinson. Robinson stated that he has already had several conversations with this citizen, and that he has many great ideas.

-- Commented on the fact that recruitment and retention within the City is key, and that Briana Hootman's possible transition to the City Clerk/Treasurer position is a perfect example of that.

• Council Member Bates:

-- Bates expressed that City Manager Robinson's love for the City is evident, and thanked him for sticking it out through the many changes that have taken place

within the last year.

-- Thanked Briana Hootman for stepping up when the City needed her, and thinks this is a great opportunity for professional development.

• Council Member Voigt:

-- Voigt agreed with Bates and Marcotte about Briana, and feels that there could not be a better choice for the City Clerk/Treasurer position.

-- Commended the CBC on organizing the Farmer's Market downtown, and commented that he has also really enjoyed the Car Show.

-- Reminded everyone about Music Lakeside coming up that week.

-- Stated that he was really pleased with the DDA's First Wednesday Food Truck event, especially the stage at 4th Street Square.

• Council Member Fielder:

-- Fielder wanted to thank everyone for their conversations today, and he believes that the Council is on the right track to get back to some sort of normalcy.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Mayor Conley stated she is happy that Briana is excited about the opportunity to step in to the City Clerk/Treasurer role, and that it is always great to see people grow within the organization.

• Mentioned that she would like City Manager Robinson to talk to Wayne County about the height of weeds and amount of brush at Huron River Drive and High St.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Mike Renaud agreed with Mayor Conley that the landscape between High St. and Harbour Pointe needs to be addressed, as it poses a danger to bicyclists and motorists. He also congratulated Briana Hootman and welcomed Tim McLean to the City.

• Briana Hootman thanked everyone for their kind words, and stated that she looks forward to learning new things and working with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, seconded by Voigt to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, Interim Support for City Clerk
Approved: August 2, 2021
Published: August 5, 2021

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 285 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, July 25:

0125 – noise complaint, Laguna Dr.
0124 – mental subject, McKinley St.
0255 – disorderly, Brandi Dr.
0307 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
0313 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
0315 – 911 welfare check, Holly Ln.
0357 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
0550 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lenmoore Ave.
0656 – missing person, W. Huron River Dr.
1008 – suspicious person/vehicle, Park Estate
1120 – traffic offense, Linda Vista Ct.
1204 – family trouble, Brandi Dr.
1237 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lenmoore Ave.
1357 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1400 – road hazard, N. I-275/Ecorse
1840 – parking complaint, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
2011 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.
2017 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2102 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2248 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2309 – unattended death, Lake Villa Dr.
2328 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2342 – domestic, Westlake Cir.

Monday, July 26:

0033 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0111 – suicidal person, Westlake Cir.
0400 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0412 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0500 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0527 – personal injury accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0757 – suicidal person, Brandi Dr.
0825 – larceny from auto, W. Columbia Ave.
0912 – malicious destruction of property, E. Archwood Dr. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1034 – domestic, Redwood Dr.
1245 – larceny from auto, Ecorse Rd.
1246 – assault & battery, Michigan Ave.
1259 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1321 – fraud, Morton Taylor Rd.
1349 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1420 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1520 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1538 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1641 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1851 – animal complaint, Beck Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

1851 – threat, Rogers Ave.
2014 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2032 – dumping complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2050 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2103 – assist other dept., Hull Rd.
2225 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Huron River Dr.
2236 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
2302 – family trouble, Oak Ln.

Tuesday, July 27:

0334 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service/Beck
0817 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
0833 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0840 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
0924 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Beck
1003 – assist other dept., N. Bellridge Dr.
1011 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1012 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1138 – assist other dept., Farm Rd.
1229 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1328 – fraud, Hampton Dr.
1414 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1424 – threat, I-94 Service Dr.
1439 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1451 – disorderly, Arborview Ln.
1452 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kirkridge St.

1616 – fraud, Wheeler St.
1658 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1733 – threat, Churchill Dr.
1828 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1832 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1911 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1917 – found property/child, Westlake Cir.

2048 – fraud, Briarwood Dr.
2142 – suicidal person, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2152 – fireworks, Hoeft Rd.
Wednesday, July 28:
0108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0132 – road hazard, Huron River Dr.
0154 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0956 – threat, Rose Blvd.
1201 – neighbor trouble, Buchanan St.
1201 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1215 – vehicle impound, Denton Rd.
1218 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1225 – suicidal person, Ecorse Rd.
1352 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1423 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1506 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1552 – threat, Winding Pond Trl.
1601 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe Rd.
1613 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1627 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1640 – trespassing, Lohr Rd.
1714 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1852 – fraud, Maurice Dr.
1853 – suicidal person, Woodside
1904 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1947 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd.
2026 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2054 – property damage accident, Beckley Rd.

Thursday, July 29:

0130 – suspicious person/vehicle, Borgman Ave.
0228 – noise complaint, Harmony Ln.
0430 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.
0706 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Tavistock Dr.
0842 – assist other dept., Colony Ln.
0956 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1058 – PPO violation, Martinsville Rd.
1116 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
1120 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1210 – domestic, Birch Dr.
1217 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1250 – sexual assault, Brandi
1304 – traffic offense, E. Huron River/Haggerty
1430 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1522 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1527 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1611 – domestic, Village Green Ln.
1649 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1653 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1809 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2048 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2123 – traffic offense, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2313 – suicidal person, Kirkridge Park Dr.

Friday, July 30:

0017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Harmony Ln.
0227 – malicious destruction of property, Richard Run Dr.
0420 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0614 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
0619 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chandler/Ecorse
0723 – found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0830 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1045 – harassment call, Buchanan St.
1113 – parking complaint, Buchanan St.
1307 – parking complaint, E. Walden/Stonebridge
1316 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1343 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1405 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1500 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1532 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1540 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis/Sumpter
1726 – animal complaint, Moms Dr.
1837 – noise complaint, Parkwood
1956 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
1959 – private property/property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
2046 – 911 welfare check, Christina Ln.
2223 – juvenile complaint, Peninsular Dr.
2225 – larceny, Park Estates

Saturday, July 31:

0102 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Ln.
0108 – property damage accident, Martz Rd.
0305 – juvenile complaint, Bayshore Dr.
0536 – malicious destruction of property, S. Adams
0720 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
0813 – suspicious person/vehicle, Independence
0921 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

1137 – animal complaint, Oak Ln.
1149 – malicious destruction of property, E. Archwood Dr.
1150 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Woodbury Dr
1421 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1447 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1546 – animal complaint, Van Allen Ave./Ayres
1659 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1709 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
2140 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.
2205 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2210 – shooting, Ironwood Dr.
2242 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2248 – private property impound, Quirk Rd.
2318 – property damage accident, Vista Dr.
Also on this log are 35 traffic stops, with two of those on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 25:

0031 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0427 – disorderly, Carmell St.
1900 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
2007 – traffic stop, Main St.
2037 – noise complaint, E. Waterbury Ct.
2123 – noise complaint, Oxford Ct.
2201 – larceny from auto, Estrada Dr.
2220 – larceny from auto, Carmell St.
2244 – larceny from auto, Estrada Dr.
2307 – larceny from auto, Carmell St.
2348 – assist other dept. Westlake

Monday, July 26:

0009 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell
0038 – larceny from auto, Estrada Dr.
0210 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0819 – larceny from auto, Estrada Dr.
1520 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1549 – malicious destruction of property, Potter
1553 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St./First St.
1622 – larceny from auto, Carmell St.
1631 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1722 – malicious destruction of property, Wexford
1934 – larceny from auto, Astor Pl.
2141 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
2152 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.

Tuesday, July 27:

0121 – property check, Harbour Pointe Dr./Bell Cove Ct.
0148 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.
0322 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
0922 – traffic stop, Main St.
0948 – traffic stop, Main St.
1209 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1222 – background investigation, Main St.
1301 – traffic stop, Main St.
1357 – traffic stop, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.
1459 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1815 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
1850 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2127 – trespassing, N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, July 28:

1105 – threat, S. Biggs Ave.
1222 – suspicious person/vehicle, Santa Clara St.
1534 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1620 – assist citizen, E. Huron River Dr.
1747 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
1913 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1914 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church St./Third
2104 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, July 29:

0245 – disorderly, Belle Villa Blvd.
1316 – road hazard, Main St.
1503 – animal complaint, Anaheim St.
1650 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1957 – intrusion alarm, Madelon St.

Friday, July 30:

0028 – threat, Carmell St.
1048 – suspicious person/vehicle, Water Works
1750 – follow-up by officer, Main St. Apt. 1
2155 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.
2232 – noise complaint, Carmell St.

Saturday, July 31:

0045 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
0113 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Owen

0535 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
0708 – assist other dept., Main St.
1317 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell
1616 – traffic stop, Clarence/E. Huron River Dr.
1658 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1731 – traffic stop, Huron River Dr./Harbour Pte.
1832 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/S. Liberty St.
2056 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
2150 – welfare check, E. Waterbury Ct.
2207 – suicidal person, E. Huron River Dr.
2246 – traffic stop, S. Biggs Ave./Greylock St.
There were 21 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 25:

0846 – mental health call, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1049 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1103 – suspicious person, Sherwood Rd./Judd Rd.
1317 – suspicious person, Bemis Rd./Sully Rd.
1808 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2325 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Monday, July 26:

0032 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0032 – alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0737 – fire dept. assist, Third St.
0935 – mental health call, Third St.
1122 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
1149 – traffic complaint/hazard, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

1209 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Willis
1439 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1443 – suspicious person, New Mexico St.
1552 – welfare check, Willis Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1711 – suspicious circumstance, Hampshire Dr.
1723 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Judd
2159 – missing person, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2253 – suspicious vehicle, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

2340 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Tuesday, July 27:

1424 – unauthorized driving away of an auto, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1707 – assist other agency, Rawsonville Rd./Willis
1714 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1736 – follow-up investigation, Redwood St.
1738 – misc. investigation, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2127 – misc. investigation, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.

Wednesday, July 28:

0039 – assist other agency, Hampshire Dr.
0134 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0211 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0757 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.

0837 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1248 – civil matter, Country Club Blvd.
1352 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1410 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1432 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Willow
1434 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1521 – assist other agency, Karr Rd./Judd Rd.
1522 – ORV complaint, 7500 bl. Oakville Waltz
1618 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Savage
1730 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis
1958 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2017 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2048 – family trouble, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
2113 – suspicious circumstance, Bemis Rd./Savage
2339 – fire dept. assist, Redwood St.
2341 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, July 29:

0156 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0422 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0912 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1155 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.
1223 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1309 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1344 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1829 – malicious destruction of property, Judd Rd. / Fenster Rd.
1835 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1926 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2012 – damage to property, Edgewood Dr.

Friday, July 30:

0944 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1207 – civil matter, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1429 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Chatham Ln.
1514 – larceny, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1617 – larceny, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1647 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1651 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
1746 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1856 – misc. investigation, Creekside Dr.
1959 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz Rd. /
Sumpter Rd.
2348 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Saturday, July 31:

0821 – welfare check, Hampshire Dr.
1007 – noise complaint, Hampshire Dr.
1252 – found property, Hampshire Dr.
1455 – found property, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1818 – assist other agency, out of township
1824 – assist other agency, out of township
2305 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
Also on this week's log are 72 patrol checks, 26 traffic stops, and four misc. details.

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VBT police take suspect into custody in stabbing deaths of mother, teen

Van Buren Township Police took a man into custody on Tuesday afternoon, July 27, in connection with the double homicide at the Belleville Pointe Apartment Complex early Sunday morning, July 25.

The bodies of Yachanda Snipes, 45, and Dacara Leatherberry, 14, were discovered late Sunday night in their apartment by a friend of the family, as a result of a well-being check. The victims sustained multiple

stab wounds.

VBT police detectives arrested a 47-year-old suspect in Pontiac Tuesday afternoon with assistance from the Department of Corrections and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

The suspect is currently a parolee and on tether and was allegedly in a dating relationship with Yachanda Snipes. Detectives will be forwarding the facts of this case to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for review and consideration pending charges.

The suspect's name is being withheld until his arraignment at the 34th District Court.



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City Manager/Police Chief

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